

Jackie Wilson Ex-Boss Feuding

New York —Currently the best boxoffice attraction on the rock and roll circuit, singer Jackie Wilson and his ex-boss Billy Ward, leader of the Dominoes quartet, haven't exchanged polite words since he quit the ard group over a salary dispute three years ago. Displaying an anger that replaced the smile that is displayed to thousands of his fans daily here at the Fox theatre in Brooklyn, Wilson, who's being paid \$20,000 for a 12 day stint to headline disc jockey Allan Freed's rock and roll revue said:

"I resent Ward saying that he paid me more than \$125 weekly when I was a member of his singing group. At no time did my pay check exceed that figure. That is one of the reasons for my exiting the Dominoes to make my own fortune. I think he's bitter over the fact that today my name is popular with the kids that he had in his corner six years ago and who hardly know that he exists today."

"In addition to that he always wanted to run his quartet like

Film Maker On Foreign Tour

New York — Bill Alexander, president of By-Line newsreel films, left here by plane for a 14 European city tour to make plans for his production schedule for next year.

At a press conference at Idlewild airport, the veteran and only Negro producer in the newsreel field said that next year's output by his firm would concentrate on

a trained army and you had no freedom you could call your own. You had to be a trained seal to do his bidding at his beck and call. If you went to the washroom you had to inform him and he would time your going and coming and bawl you out if he figured you overstepped your time."

As his valet chose one of two dozen suits for him to wear at the next show, Wilson said he held no resentment for Ward. Only a few weeks ago, he added, he wired him an offer to join his act as his accompanist for \$250 weekly.

Since leaving the Dominoes, Wilson has never looked back. His Brunswick records are always best-sellers and it's estimated that every day they're played 12,000 times by platter spinners from coast-to-coast. In the manner befitting a star he travels with an entourage that includes a man Friday, personal and road manager, secretary, president of his nationwide fan club and two pet dogs who require specially prepared food. His motorcade consists of two \$6500 cars and a station wagon to haul his trunks that contain 45 pairs of shoes, 100 custom-made shirts, 75 \$200 suits and other accessories.

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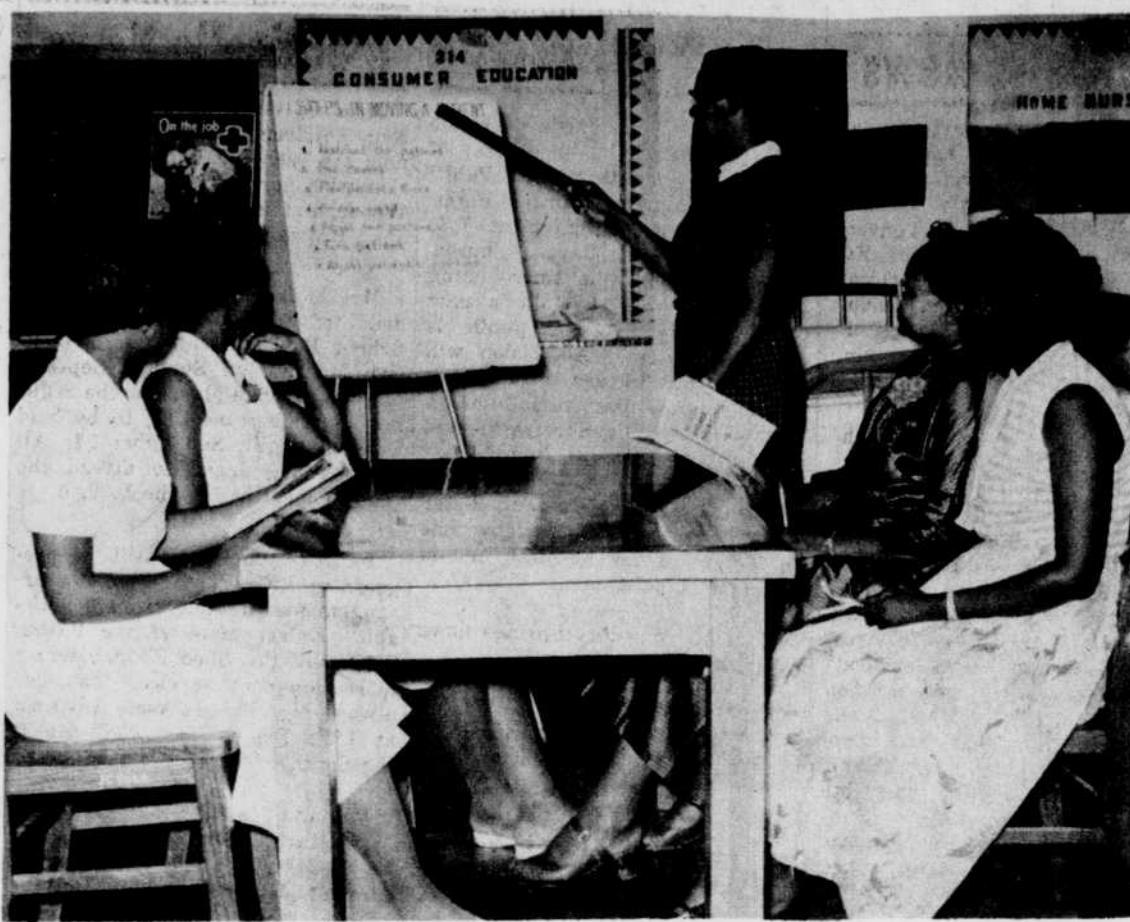
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189 Areas Still Report High Unemployment

Despite record-shattering profits and new all-time highs in industrial production there were 46 major job areas around the country in July where 6 percent or more of the labor force was unemployed.

The Labor Dept.'s bi-monthly survey of labor market trends reports, in addition, 143 smaller areas with "substantial" surpluses.

The report reflects some improvement since the May 1959 report when there were 60 major areas with substantial unemployment and 172 smaller areas in the same category.

However, in July 1957, before the 1957-58 recession took hold, there were only 24 major areas with 6 percent or more jobless and fewer than 100 smaller areas in the same classification.

Africa. Because of the growing importance of the Dark Continent in world affairs we got loads of fan mail from moviegoers who want to know more about what these people are doing, thinking and planning for the future," he added. Some of the places that he'll visit include Paris, Rome, Cairo, Ethiopia, Monrovia, Ghana, etc. In these places he'll confer with leading government officials, business experts and others who are conversant with the economy of their countries.

At present Alexander's By-Lines are shown in more than 45 cities in the United States and feature subjects of particular interest to Negro audiences. In the past few years he's also invaded the documentary phase of the movie business and has turned out a number of them for business organizations who use them for educational purposes.

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MORTGAGE ON FARMS HITS HIGH

Farm mortgage holdings of the country's life insurance companies were at a record \$2,667,000,000 at the start of this year up about \$100,000,000 from the preceding year and well over three times the aggregate of such financing at the end of World War II. This represents about 215,000 mortgage loans to farmers, the average loan held on January 1 being \$12,400.

Indications are that this year will see an even greater rise in farm mortgage financing by the life companies, as commitments for new farm loans at the start of this year were materially greater than a year ago.

Iowa led all states in life insurance farm loans, with \$318,000,000 under 29,000 mortgages, an average of \$11,000 per mortgage. Texas

Of the 46 areas with 6 percent or more unemployed last month, 33 were in the 6 to 9 percent classification, 6 in the 9 to 12 percent grouping and 7 with unemployment of over 12 percent.

The Labor Dept. report said that area job totals were above year-ago levels in nearly 90 percent of the 149 major labor market areas. It said that in almost half the areas employment passed the mark set two years ago before the recession.

Between May and July, 34 major areas were shifted to new classifications indicating a more favorable labor market situation in terms of joblessness.

Fourteen areas with 6 percent or more unemployment shifted to a 3 to 6 percent classification. These included Baltimore, Toledo, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Trenton, N. J., and Tacoma, Wash.

Seven areas shifted from 9 to 12 percent jobless to 6 to 9 percent unemployment. These included Buffalo and Providence. Two areas—Detroit and Huntington, W. Va. Ashland, Ky.—shifted from over 12 percent to the 9 to 12 percent category.

was next with \$289,000,000 under 19,000 mortgages, an average of \$15,200. Illinois was third and California fourth. The average size of mortgage loans outstanding varied widely on a regional basis, the New England and Middle Atlantic States averaging less than \$10,000 and the Pacific States, nearly \$25,000.

The insurance companies have been one of the important sources of mortgage money for farmers, having supplied nearly one-fourth of total outstanding farm mortgage financing and nearly two-thirds of that provided by financial institutions.

Farm mortgages acquired during 1958 by these companies totaled \$438,000,000, up almost 8 percent from the year before. Various checks on the purpose of these farm loans indicate that nearly half are for re-financing of existing mortgages or other indebtedness, and the balance are for purchase of real estate, repairs and improvements to land and buildings and other purposes.

During the first half of this year it is estimated that the insurance companies extended new farm mortgage financing in the amount of some \$3,000,000,000.

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Completed on 1/4-inch choke, the well flowed estimated 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day plus 30 barrels 73-gravity condensate per million, tubing pressure 1500 pounds.

Production is from Tuscaloosa through perforations 4606-11 feet. Munoco originally drilled this well to a depth of 4772 feet and temporarily abandoned the operation. Hole was re-entered and 4 1/2-inch casing run to 4692 feet for completion.

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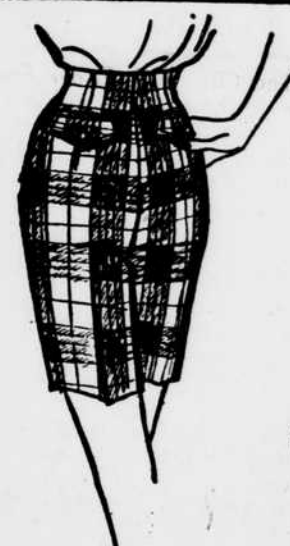
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